

Scientific Area: EPIDEMIOLOGY

Project Name: A review of probability of causation associated with cigarette smoking

Objective: To systematically review epidemiologic and mechanistic research on causation of disease associated with cigarette smoking and other factors such as asbestos exposure.

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Tactics and Milestones:	Target Date:
1. Tactic: Define scope of project Milestone: Completed outline of study plan	January 2000
2. Tactic: Use various search mechanisms to identify available epidemiological studies on probability of causation, apportionment, attribute risk, etc. related to disease occurrence. Milestone: Compiled bibliography	January 2000 January 2000
3. Tactic: Use various search mechanisms to identify available studies on mechanistic aspects related to causation probability of causation, apportionment, attribute risk, etc. related to disease occurrence. Milestone: Milestone: Compiled bibliography	August 2000 July 2000
4. Tactic: Develop and carry out a systematic plan to critically review identified documents. Milestone: Completed critical review of compiled studies that includes objectives, strengths and weaknesses.	November 2000 September 2000 October 2000 November 2000
5. Tactic: Completion of review manuscript Milestone: Circulation of first draft of review manuscript for internal review Milestone: Revise and circulate second draft to internal and external resources Milestone: Revise draft and prepare final review manuscript for submission to the Manuscript Review Board	

Internal Resource Allocation:	External Resource Allocation:
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Capital Expenses:

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